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Texas Cybersecurity Council Announces New Members

AUSTIN – The Texas Cybersecurity Council named Bob Butler and Christopher Humphreys as Council Members during a meeting held Thursday, Sept. 21.

The nominating vote ensures that Butler and Humphreys will fulfill two-year terms as Council Members, who are voting participants on the Council. Butler is Sr. Vice President for Critical Infrastructure Protection Operations at AECOM. Humphreys is CEO of the Anfield Group.

"I am very excited and honored to be nominated to help the State of Texas in all areas of cybersecurity and critical infrastructure and gladly accept such a prestigious appointment," said Humphreys.

The two new members will be tasked with attending Council meetings, participating in task forces as requested and providing support and guidance to Council initiatives.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to work with our state partners and derive insights allowing us to continue to protect Texans," said Butler.

"We are beyond excited to have Bob and Chris on board as we move forward," said Todd Kimbriel, Texas' Chief Information Officer and Chair of the Cybersecurity Council. "Their expertise and experience will greatly benefit the Council and their input and ideas will ensure we remain consistently vigilant in Texas when it comes to defending against cybersecurity threats."

DIR is also accepting applications for the remaining Council Member position, who will be the final voting member from the private sector. Council Members are approved by Council membership and serve for a two-year term.

The private sector Member applicants must have a primary residence in Texas, have an extensive background in cybersecurity and be currently employed in one of the 16 Dept. of Homeland Security Critical Infrastructure sectors, with a preference for finance, emergency services, healthcare or transportation. To submit a Council Member application, please visit <http://publishingext.dir.texas.gov/portal/internal/resources/DocumentLibrary/Texas%20Cybersecurity%20Participation%20Application.pdf>.

The Texas Cybersecurity Council exists to create enduring partnerships between private industry and

public sector organizations, to ensure that critical infrastructure and sensitive information are protected, to help build an exemplary cybersecurity workforce to protect technology resources from increasing threats, and to develop strategies and solutions that ensure that Texas continues to lead in areas of cybersecurity at a national and international level.

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